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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive

SUBJECT: Jeopardy of Security in [] Reports

REFERENCE: Memo of February 24 to Executive from AD/OS

1. In compliance with the notation on the buckslip with above reference, COMPS endorses the recommendation of the AD/OS that representatives of OS, WEA and WED meet to resolve this problem. COMPS will call such a meeting in a few days, but undoubtedly cannot have a final solution by March 15.

2. As background information - this matter was mentioned at the last IAC Meeting on February 17, and, by circular memo of February 23 to IAC Members, the IAC confirmed his request that the [] reports be confined to the Intelligence agencies for their own use and not be distributed to other sections of their Departments; i.e., to be used only as raw material for evaluated intelligence reports which later could receive wider distribution.

3. On a need-to-know basis WEA should keep WEA, WED, Commerce, et al. informed with evaluated intelligence, not with raw information. They usually have their own collectors and reporters of raw or semi-raw information.

4. When Contact Branch picks up information of probable interest to WEA, et al., I should think WEA could eliminate the source, etc., and send it on as a simple Memorandum from CIA, without setting up a formal new series of reports as envisaged in Paragraph 7(c) of the AD/OS memo of February 24th. Maybe this would be but little more than an editing job to eliminate unauthorized matter.

5. When CIA's interested sections have determined how this matter can best be handled in CIA, it might be a good idea to have a talk with high ranking WEA, WED and Commerce officials to explain the situation and to get an idea of what they want.

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6. I understand the RSHB Memo to the National Security Council has been approved, so we shall probably be getting into the coordination of production of Economic Intelligence in a big way before too long. This will entail, among other factors, intelligence reports to non-ISA agencies, so the present proposal of editing, etc., of [] may be a good way to start.

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